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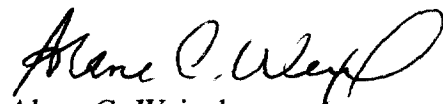
**Re: Ex Parte Notification
CC Docket No. 96-45 -- Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**

Dear Ms. Salas:

The Municipality of Anchorage d/b/a Anchorage Telephone Utility a/k/a ATU Telecommunications ("ATU") hereby notifies the Commission that on August 28, 1998, Ted Moninski, Director, Regulatory Affairs, forwarded to Kevin Martin, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth, information regarding a recent data request issued by the Commission in the above-referenced docket.^{1/} ATU provided this information in response to a request by Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and Mr. Martin. Attached is the information sent to Mr. Martin via e-mail.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Alane C. Weixel
Attorney for ATU

Attachment

cc: Kevin Martin, Esq.

^{1/} Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, DA 98-1576 (August 7, 1998).

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Moninski, Ted

> Sent: Friday, August 28, 1998 2:40 PM

> To: 'kmartin@fcc.gov'

> Subject: FW: CC96-45 Data Request summary

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> Kevin: Thx. again to you and Commr. Furchtgott-Roth for the time

> you took to visit Alaska recently and, in particular, for the evening

> you set aside to spend with representatives from ATU. We genuinely

> enjoyed our drive down to Turnagain House and the dinner conversation

> which followed.

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> During our meeting, both you and the Commr. expressed an interest in

> the recent universal service data request made by the FCC. You asked

> for more details on that request and, if possible, some estimate of

> ATU's cost of responding. Attached to this message is some follow up

> analysis provided by my colleague, Jill Hume. Pls note that the

> dollar estimates are (a) order-of-magnitude in nature and (b) presume

> that ATU will provide all data that has been requested. In fact, we

> are likely to petition the Commission for some relief in the hope of

> providing only those data elements which can be produced without

> extraordinary burdensome results. ATU has also filed a petition

> with the Commission suggesting that, given the highly competitive

> nature of the Anchorage local exchange market, the integrity of the

> data request would be well served by extending the requirement to the

> CLECs as well as the ILEC.

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> It was a pleasure meeting you and I look forward to our future

> interactions. Pls let me know if you have any questions on this or

> any other topic of interest.

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> Ted Moninski

> Director, Regulatory Affairs

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hume, Jill

> Sent: Thursday, August 20, 1998 12:02 PM

> To: Moninski, Ted

> Subject: CC96-45 Data Request summary

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> In the Universal Service Order, the Commission determined that the

> level of federal high cost support that eligible non-rural carriers

> will receive would be 25 percent of the difference between the

- > estimated forward-looking economic cost of providing the supported
- > services and a nationwide average revenue benchmark. The Commission
- > also determined that the revenue benchmark should be calculated using
- > revenues derived from local service, access, and other
- > telecommunications services, including discretionary services. The
- > Commission did not adopt a precise calculation of the revenue
- > benchmark in the Universal Service Order.
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- > This data request is being issued to assist the Commission in
- > implementing the forward-looking economic cost mechanism used to
- > estimate the amount of universal service support that will be provided
- > to eligible non-rural carriers beginning July 1, 1999.
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- > The following non-rural local exchange carriers and holding companies
- > must respond to this data request: Aliant, ALLTEL, Ameritech, ATU,
- > Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Cincinnati, Frontier, GTE, North State,
- > Puerto Rico, Roseville, Southern New England, Southwestern Bell, U S
- > West, and United.
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- > The estimate is that each response to this collection of information
- > will take, on average, 250 hours. Responses must be submitted on or
- > before October 6, 1998.
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- > Impact to ATU:
- > ATU currently does not receive high cost support and has indicated
- > that it does not believe it will be eligible for support in the
- > future. Under the 250 hour scenario, it will probably cost the
- > Utility \$14,000. However, realistically, the data request will
- > require systems programming up to an additional 120 hours (370 total
- > hours) totaling \$21,300. Because ATU records do not record data at
- > the level requested by the data request and the necessary resources
- > aren't available, it is highly unlikely ATU can even complete the data
- > request in its entirety.
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CC: "Parker, Gordon" <GPARKER@atu.com>